(b), (e) and (f) No, Sir. CNG supply facilities can be set up only in cities wherepipeline supply of natural gas is available and techno-economic feasibility established

(c)There are 30 CNG outlets in operation in Delhi as on date.

(d)CNG supplies in outlets are affected in case of power

interruption.

Waiting List for LPG Connection in Andhra Pradesh

4228. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD :

SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a)the number of applications pending for sanction of LPG connections in respect of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b)when would they be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) the waiting list registered with LPG distributors of the PSU Oil Companies as on 1-4-2000 in the state of Andhra Pradesh is about 4.50 lakhs.

(b) new LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending on the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available with the distributors and their viability . However, the government has a plan to release around 1 crore LPG connections during the year 2000 to clear all waiting list registered with the distributors of PSU Oil Companies as on 1-12-1999.

Gas Supply from Bangladesh

4229. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a)whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has discovered vast sources of gas and are reluctant to sell their gas to India for various reasons, and

(b)if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) The Govt, of Bangladesh has not yet exported gas to any country'.

(b) Does not arise.

Complaints Against Officials of Oil Companies

4230. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received complaints against officials of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Ambala and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Panipat during the past few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether Government have investigated the complaints and taken further action accordingly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) to (d) four complaints have been received against the Officers of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Ambala and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Panipat since 1996. In one complaint after investigation penalties were imposed. In two complaints charges were found not proved. One complaint has been recently received in which earlier two complaints wherein charges were not found to be proved have been referred for further action.

Demand and Shortfall of Crude Oil Productivity

4231. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the demand and shortfall of crude oil productivity for refineries in Assam during the last five years and the steps taken to meet this shortfall and future projection;

(b) the list of private parties entrusted with exploration work and reasons for entrusting them, indicating areas entrusted, status of the exercise, amount paid and achievement of each party during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some parties are to the paid heavy compensation during off-season (flood etc);

(d) if so, the monthly compensation made; and